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Sent: 1/22/2018 7:23:33 PM
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CC: Leahy, John [Leahy.John@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Biostimulant Question

Bob:

That is correct. FAR then back to OMB. We may or may not need a comprehensive economic analysis – because we may not be able to do one.

Russ

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So what you are saying is this is still going through FAR and then back to OMB – correct?

Also, I am assuming BEAD would need to complete the Econ piece before FAR, or is that separate?

I would like to give Nancy a complete assessment and schedule. Something like:

- BEAD analysis – March 1
- FAR begins – April 1
- Etc.

Do we have a schedule of the next steps leading to getting it to OMB?

Bob

From: Jones, Russell
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 1:48 PM
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Bob:

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Russ,

As I recall, OECA was involved only because of the OMB significance determination? Correct? Was this part of an EPA Agency review process and OECA was the only one to comment?

Bob

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Importance: High

Bob:

My answers in **RED** below each bullet point.

Russ

From: McNally, Robert

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 6:55 PM

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Mark/Russ/Chris – is this accurate?

Kaitlin,

As background, here is where we stand:

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Subject: Fwd: Biostimulant Question

Hi Bob,

Nancy received a question about the status of the biostimulant guidance at OMB. Marrone Bio seems to be misinformed but I wanted to touch base to make sure I didn't miss anything. Can you provide input on an appropriate response?

Also, (since we're on the topic now) can you provide an update for Nancy on the status of the guidance and timeline for going to OMB?

Thanks!
Kaitlin

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Nancy, I hope you are well. As you may know, the industry has been working with EPA-BPPD to complete a guidance document that provides clarity about what types of biostimulants fall within the plant growth regulator definition used under FIFRA.

We understand that the guidance document is now with OMB and have been told that OMB may be looking for an economic analysis to support why this guidance document has value to the industry and to the US economy.

If this is the case, the industry is willing to work with EPA and OMB to pull together data to support this review. In order to support this effort, if needed, the industry would appreciate an opportunity to discuss, with EPA and OMB, what information would be needed to support moving this guidance forward. The BPPD staff apparently have not had direct contact with OMB, so we do not know who the industry should be reaching out to at OMB to start a discussion about what information would be useful to support the decision-making process.

Could you possibly help us identify the appropriate contact(s) at EPA and OMB to help move this guidance forward?

As always, thank you for your help with this effort. With best wishes, Keith

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